

stalks forth from memory's closet the skeleton of Alger's embalmed beef with its concomitant stench; there looms into view the commander of the United States forces in Cuba, too fat to ride a horse, going into battle in a carriage, and lolling in a portable bathtub while our soldiers had no medicine to conquer tropic ills; there looms into view this self-same commander of the United States forces in Cuba fighting his battles from the sensuous folds of a soporific hammock, while through the stupidity and carelessness of an inefficient military medical force our soldier boys found typhoid fever more deadly than bullets from the Spanish guns.

And so, in view of these verities which no political manipulation can snatch from history's page; in view of the official funeral-hued glories and the official scarlet-tinged scandals of the Spanish-American War; in view of Alger's embalmed beef of odoriferous memory; in view of inferior ships purchased by the Government at superior prices; in view of the stigma and disgrace that typhoid fever killed more of our soldiers than Spanish bullets sent to their graves; in view of the cable which Dewey cut to save the Navy from the malefic influence of Republican politics at Washington; in view of Army contracts which brought a blush to the cheek and rage to the heart of the Nation; in view of the attempt to deprive Schley of his share of glory in the Santiago victory; in view of the papier-maché generals created as a sort of "iron-cross" reward for services rendered the good old Republican Party on many a bloodless field of politics; in view, in fine, of the the bathos and the pathos of flagrant Republican mismanagement in the Spanish-American War, it becometh and behooveth Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Lodge, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Roosevelt, and all their phonographic cult to chirp like a cricket, not roar like a lion.

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It is, from any point of view, an important election. In